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MOSCOW TELLS SOVIET LISTENERS OF TALKS WITH KISSINGER

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(TEXT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT REACHED, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT ON QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY HENRY KISSINGER WAS IN MOSCOW FROM 23 TO 27 OCTOBER.

HE HAD TALKS WITH GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LEONID BREZHNEV, AND ANDREY ANDREYEVICH GROMYKO, POLITBURO MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND USSR FOREIGN MINISTER.

TAKING PART IN THE TALKS ON THE SOVIET SIDE WERE DOBRYNIN, USSR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALEKSANDROV, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE; AND KORNIYENKO, COLLEGIUM MEMBER OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;

ON THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE STOESEL, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE USSR; AND OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE WHITE HOUSE SONNENFELDT, HARTMAN, ANDRESON, HYLAND, LORD, (?LODDELL) AND (?CLEVE).

IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, A SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE ON A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND A NUMBER OF TOPICAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

THE SIDES STATED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANNED LINE TOWARD AN UNSWERVING IMPROVEMENT IN THESE RELATIONS.

THE FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TOP-LEVEL TALKS WAS EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN, AND DETERMINATION WAS EXPRESSED ON BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE TO APPLY ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO GUARANTEE UNCEASING PROGRESS IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

GREAT ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF FURTHER LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. THE SIDES, WHEN EXAMINING THIS PROBLEM, WERE GUIDED BY THE FUNDAMENTAL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE WORKING OUT OF A NEW LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON THE MATTER WHICH SHOULD FOLLOW THE CURRENTLY OPERATING INTERIM AGREEMENT OF 26 MAY 1972. THEY HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CONCRETE DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH AN AGREEMENT. DISCUSSION OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE CONTINUED.